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Code that isn’t optimized via ChatGPT:

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/* COP 3502C Assignment 3
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#include <math.h>
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>

double distance(int x1, int y1, int x2, int y2) {
  // function to calculate the distance between 2 garages given the coordinates.
  return sqrt((x1 - x2) * (x1 - x2) + (y1 - y2) * (y1 - y2));
}

void print(int **locations, char **names, int n) {
  // prints out the given garages and their names, only used for testing purposes.
  for (int i = 0; i < n; i++) {
    printf("%s -> (%d, %d) ", names[i], locations[i][0], locations[i][1]);
  }
  printf("\n");
}

void printperms(int **garages, char **names, int *usedgarages, int *perm,
                int final[][2], int k, int n, double *min) {
  // goes through every permutation and then finds the distance.
  if (k == n) {
    double calcdistance = 0;
    for (int i = 0; i < n; i += 2) {
      calcdistance +=
          distance(garages[perm[i]][0], garages[perm[i]][1],
                   garages[perm[i + 1]][0], garages[perm[i + 1]][1]);
    }

    if (calcdistance < *min) {
      // if the distance is smaller than the distance minimum found before it,
      // replace that distance.
      *min = calcdistance;
      for (int i = 0; i < n; i += 2) {
        final[i / 2][0] = perm[i];
        final[i / 2][1] = perm[i + 1];
      }
    }

    return;
  }
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  for (int i = 0; i < n; i++) {
    if (!usedgarages[i]) {
      // if the garage was not already used, then just say it is and call the
      // function recursively.
      usedgarages[i] = 1;
      perm[k] = i;
      printperms(garages, names, usedgarages, perm, final, k + 1, n, min);
      // unset the garage after its been used.
      usedgarages[i] = 0;
    }
  }
}

int main() {
  int n = 0;

  // getting the amount of expressways/garages
  scanf("%d", &n);

  int **garageLocations = calloc(2 * n, sizeof(int *));
  // allocating the space for all the garage names.
  char **garageNames = calloc(2 * n, sizeof(char *));

  for (int i = 0; i < 2 * n; i++) {
    // allocating space for every garage
    garageLocations[i] = calloc(2, sizeof(int));
    // 20 being the max length of a garage name
    garageNames[i] = calloc(20, sizeof(char));

    // getting the data from the input and putting it into the allocated space
    scanf("%d %d %s", &garageLocations[i][0], &garageLocations[i][1],
          garageNames[i]);
  }

  // more variable declarations
  double min = 9999999999;
  int *used = calloc(2 * n, sizeof(int));
  int *perm = calloc(2 * n, sizeof(int));
  int final[n * 2][2];

  // recursion starts here
  printperms(garageLocations, garageNames, used, perm, final, 0, 2 * n, &min);

  // printing the shortest distance
  printf("%.3lf\n", min);
  // printing the permutation that generated that distance.
  for (int i = 0; i < n; i++) {
    int g1 = final[i][0], g2 = final[i][1];
    printf("(%s, %s, %.3lf)\n", garageNames[g1], garageNames[g2],
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          distance(garageLocations[g1][0], garageLocations[g1][1],
                   garageLocations[g2][0], garageLocations[g2][1]));
  }

  // freeing all the dynamically allocated memory
  for (int i = 2 * n - 1; i > -1; i--) {
    free(garageLocations[i]);
    free(garageNames[i]);
  }
  free(used);
  free(perm);
  free(garageNames);
  free(garageLocations);

  // end of program
  return 0;
}
```

Screenshots

Modify this code so that it works more efficiently for higher values of n. Make only necessary changes, and maintain the recursive function structure and the used array, and do not add any additional global variables.

Below it is the old code given above (for space, it is not included)

To improve the efficiency of this recursive algorithm, we can reduce redundant distance calculations by storing distances between pairs of garages in a lookup table. This ensures that each pairwise distance is calculated only once. I'll incorporate this optimization while preserving the recursive structure and keeping all other components the same, without introducing additional global variables.

Here are the changes:

1. **Precompute distances**: Use a 2D array to store the pairwise distances between garages before starting the recursion. This avoids recalculating distances multiple times during recursion.
2. **Minimize recalculations**: Modify the recursive function to use precomputed distances.

Here's the modified code:

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```c
#include <math.h>
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>

double distance(int x1, int y1, int x2, int y2) {
  // function to calculate the distance between 2 garages given the coordinates.
  return sqrt((x1 - x2) * (x1 - x2) + (y1 - y2) * (y1 - y2));
}

void print(int **locations, char **names, int n) {
  // prints out the given garages and their names.
  for (int i = 0; i < n; i++) {
    printf("%s -> (%d, %d) ", names[i], locations[i][0], locations[i][1]);
  }
  printf("\n");
}

void printperms(int **garages, char **names, int *usedgarages, int *perm,
                int final[][2], int k, int n, double *min, double **distances) {
  // goes through every permutation and then finds the distance.
  if (k == n) {
    double calcdistance = 0;
    for (int i = 0; i < n; i += 2) {
      calcdistance += distances[perm[i]][perm[i + 1]];
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      calcdistance += distances[perm[i]][perm[i + 1]];
    }

    if (calcdistance < *min) {
      // if the distance is smaller than the distance minimum found before it,
      // replace that distance.
      *min = calcdistance;
      for (int i = 0; i < n; i += 2) {
        final[i / 2][0] = perm[i];
        final[i / 2][1] = perm[i + 1];
      }
    }

    return;
  }

  for (int i = 0; i < n; i++) {
    if (!usedgarages[i]) {
      // if the garage was not already used, then just say it is and call the
      // function recursively.
      usedgarages[i] = 1;
      perm[k] = i;
      printperms(garages, names, usedgarages, perm, final, k + 1, n, min, distances);
      // unset the garage after its been used.
      usedgarages[i] = 0;
    }
  }
}

int main() {
  int n = 0;

  // getting the amount of expressways/garages
  scanf("%d", &n);

  int **garageLocations = calloc(2 * n, sizeof(int *));
  // allocating the space for all the garage names.
  char **garageNames = calloc(2 * n, sizeof(char *));

  for (int i = 0; i < 2 * n; i++) {
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for (int i = 0; i < 2 * n; i++) {
  // allocating space for every garage
  garageLocations[i] = calloc(2, sizeof(int));
  // 20 being the max length of a garage name
  garageNames[i] = calloc(20, sizeof(char));

  // getting the data from the input and putting it into the allocated space
  scanf("%d %d %s", &garageLocations[i][0], &garageLocations[i][1],
        garageNames[i]);
}

// Precompute all distances between garages
double **distances = calloc(2 * n, sizeof(double *));
for (int i = 0; i < 2 * n; i++) {
  distances[i] = calloc(2 * n, sizeof(double));
  for (int j = 0; j < 2 * n; j++) {
    distances[i][j] = distance(garageLocations[i][0], garageLocations[i][1],
                               garageLocations[j][0], garageLocations[j][1]);
  }
}

// more variable declarations
double min = 9999999999;
int *used = calloc(2 * n, sizeof(int));
int *perm = calloc(2 * n, sizeof(int));
int final[n * 2][2];

// recursion starts here
printperms(garageLocations, garageNames, used, perm, final, 0, 2 * n, &min, distances);

// printing the shortest distance
printf("%.3lf\n", min);
// printing the permutation that generated that distance.
for (int i = 0; i < n; i++) {
  int g1 = final[i][0], g2 = final[i][1];
  printf("(%s, %s, %.3lf)\n", garageNames[g1], garageNames[g2],
         distances[g1][g2]);
}

// freeing all the dynamically allocated memory
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    // freeing all the dynamically allocated memory
    for (int i = 2 * n - 1; i > -1; i--) {
      free(garageLocations[i]);
      free(garageNames[i]);
      free(distances[i]);
    }
    free(used);
    free(perm);
    free(garageNames);
    free(garageLocations);
    free(distances);

    // end of program
    return 0;
  }
```

Changes made:

1. `distances` **array**: A 2D array (`distances`) is introduced to store precomputed distances between garages. This is populated before the recursion begins.
2. **Using `distances` in recursion**: Inside `printperms`, instead of recalculating the distance, the program now directly accesses the precomputed values from the `distances` array.

This approach avoids recalculating distances during every recursive call, which will significantly improve performance, especially for larger values of `n`.

Please optimize it further as it is too slow past n>6.

To further optimize the recursive algorithm and improve performance for larger values of `n > 6`, we need to reduce the factorial growth in the number of permutations, which is the primary bottleneck. The algorithm currently generates every permutation of garages and computes the distance for each one, making the time complexity $O((2n)!)$, which is prohibitive for larger values.

To achieve better performance while preserving the recursive structure, the following optimizations can be applied:

1. Use Pruning (Branch and Bound):

- Add a pruning step that stops the recursion early if the current distance already exceeds the known minimum distance. This helps avoid exploring permutations that are guaranteed to be worse than the best-known solution.

2. Memoization for Partial Results:

- Cache the results of partial permutations to avoid recalculating distances for the same pairs multiple times.

Updated Code with Pruning:

The code being the following:

```
#include <math.h>

#include <stdio.h>

#include <stdlib.h>

#include <float.h>  // For DBL_MAX


double distance(int x1, int y1, int x2, int y2) {

  // function to calculate the distance between 2 garages given the coordinates.

  return sqrt((x1 - x2) * (x1 - x2) + (y1 - y2) * (y1 - y2));

}


void print(int **locations, char **names, int n) {
```

```
  // prints out the given garages and their names.
  for (int i = 0; i < n; i++) {
    printf("%s -> (%d, %d) ", names[i], locations[i][0], locations[i][1]);
  }
  printf("\n");
}

void printperms(int **garages, char **names, int *usedgarages, int *perm,
                int final[][2], int k, int n, double *min, double **distances,
                double currentDistance) {
  // Pruning: If the current partial distance is already greater than the minimum, stop.
  if (currentDistance >= *min) return;

  // goes through every permutation and then finds the distance.
  if (k == n) {
    double totalDistance = currentDistance;
    for (int i = 0; i < n; i += 2) {
      totalDistance += distances[perm[i]][perm[i + 1]];
    }

    if (totalDistance < *min) {
      // if the distance is smaller than the minimum distance found before, replace it.
      *min = totalDistance;
      for (int i = 0; i < n; i += 2) {
        final[i / 2][0] = perm[i];
        final[i / 2][1] = perm[i + 1];
      }
    }

    return;
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  }

  for (int i = 0; i < n; i++) {
    if (!usedgarages[i]) {
      // If the garage was not already used, mark it as used and call the function recursively.
      usedgarages[i] = 1;
      perm[k] = i;

      // Pruning step: add partial distance if we're past the first pair
      if (k > 0 && k % 2 == 1) {
        currentDistance += distances[perm[k - 1]][perm[k]];
      }

      printperms(garages, names, usedgarages, perm, final, k + 1, n, min, distances, currentDistance);

      // Unset the garage after it's been used.
      usedgarages[i] = 0;

      // Revert partial distance when backtracking
      if (k > 0 && k % 2 == 1) {
        currentDistance -= distances[perm[k - 1]][perm[k]];
      }
    }
  }
}

int main() {
  int n = 0;

  // Getting the amount of expressways/garages
```

```
scanf("%d", &n);

int **garageLocations = calloc(2 * n, sizeof(int *));
// Allocating space for all the garage names.
char **garageNames = calloc(2 * n, sizeof(char *));

for (int i = 0; i < 2 * n; i++) {
  // Allocating space for every garage
  garageLocations[i] = calloc(2, sizeof(int));
  // 20 being the max length of a garage name
  garageNames[i] = calloc(20, sizeof(char));

  // Getting the data from the input and putting it into the allocated space
  scanf("%d %d %s", &garageLocations[i][0], &garageLocations[i][1],
        garageNames[i]);
}

// Precompute all distances between garages
double **distances = calloc(2 * n, sizeof(double *));
for (int i = 0; i < 2 * n; i++) {
  distances[i] = calloc(2 * n, sizeof(double));
  for (int j = 0; j < 2 * n; j++) {
    distances[i][j] = distance(garageLocations[i][0], garageLocations[i][1],
                               garageLocations[j][0], garageLocations[j][1]);
  }
}

// More variable declarations
double min = DBL_MAX;  // Use DBL_MAX for the initial minimum distance
int *used = calloc(2 * n, sizeof(int));
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  int *perm = calloc(2 * n, sizeof(int));
  int final[n * 2][2];

  // Start recursion
  printperms(garageLocations, garageNames, used, perm, final, 0, 2 * n, &min, distances, 0.0);

  // Printing the shortest distance
  printf("%.3lf\n", min);
  // Printing the permutation that generated that distance.
  for (int i = 0; i < n; i++) {
    int g1 = final[i][0], g2 = final[i][1];
    printf("(%s, %s, %.3lf)\n", garageNames[g1], garageNames[g2],
           distances[g1][g2]);
  }

  // Freeing all the dynamically allocated memory
  for (int i = 2 * n - 1; i > -1; i--) {
    free(garageLocations[i]);
    free(garageNames[i]);
    free(distances[i]);
  }
  free(used);
  free(perm);
  free(garageNames);
  free(garageLocations);
  free(distances);

  // End of program
  return 0;
}
```

and it saying:

Key Optimizations:

1. **Pruning**:
   - If the current partial distance exceeds the current minimum (`min`), the recursion terminates early. This avoids exploring suboptimal permutations.
2. **Early Calculation of Partial Distance**:
   - The partial distance is updated as soon as a pair is completed (i.e., after two garages are selected). This allows the pruning step to work effectively as early as possible.

Performance Benefits:

- The introduction of the pruning condition drastically reduces the number of recursive calls and improves the efficiency for larger values of `n`.
- By checking if the current partial solution is worse than the best-known solution, the algorithm avoids unnecessary exploration of bad permutations.

These changes should make the code much more efficient for values of `n > 6`.

the code above gives the wrong outputs, please check with the original code provided at the top.

I see that the optimization changes in the code might have introduced issues with correctness, especially related to the recursive permutation generation. Let's correct that while maintaining the optimizations like pruning and early distance calculations. I'll compare the logic with the original code and fix the potential issues.

Analysis of Key Issues:

1. **Current distance updating**: In the recursive function, updating `currentDistance` too early may lead to incorrect distance calculations. We should only update it when a valid pair of garages has been selected, and we should ensure that the distance resets properly during backtracking.
2. **Final assignment of pairs**: The final pairs of garages may not be assigned correctly because of the backtracking logic. We need to ensure that the pairings and their distances are correctly stored once the recursion reaches the base case.

Let's go step by step to rewrite the code based on the original logic, keeping the optimizations:

Key Fixes:

- **Accurate distance calculation**: Only calculate distances when a pair is complete.
- **Pruning**: Keep the pruning logic in place, but ensure it's applied after a valid distance computation.
- **Backtracking**: Ensure that the state is correctly restored when backtracking in the recursive permutation generation.

Here's the corrected and optimized code:

The code being:

```
#include <math.h>
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <float.h>  // For DBL_MAX

double distance(int x1, int y1, int x2, int y2) {
```

```
  // function to calculate the distance between 2 garages given the coordinates.
  return sqrt((x1 - x2) * (x1 - x2) + (y1 - y2) * (y1 - y2));
}

void print(int **locations, char **names, int n) {
  // prints out the given garages and their names.
  for (int i = 0; i < n; i++) {
    printf("%s -> (%d, %d) ", names[i], locations[i][0], locations[i][1]);
  }
  printf("\n");
}

void printperms(int **garages, char **names, int *usedgarages, int *perm,
                int final[][2], int k, int n, double *min, double **distances,
                double currentDistance) {
  // If the current partial distance is already greater than the minimum, stop further recursion.
  if (currentDistance >= *min) return;

  // Base case: If all garages are paired up, check if the distance is smaller than the minimum.
  if (k == n) {
    if (currentDistance < *min) {
      // if the distance is smaller than the minimum distance found before, replace it.
      *min = currentDistance;
      for (int i = 0; i < n; i += 2) {
        final[i / 2][0] = perm[i];
        final[i / 2][1] = perm[i + 1];
      }
    }
    return;
  }
```

```
  // Recursively generate permutations
  for (int i = 0; i < n; i++) {
    if (!usedgarages[i]) {
      // Mark the garage as used
      usedgarages[i] = 1;
      perm[k] = i;

      // When k is odd, we form a valid pair and can calculate distance
      if (k % 2 == 1) {
        double newDistance = currentDistance + distances[perm[k - 1]][perm[k]];
        printperms(garages, names, usedgarages, perm, final, k + 1, n, min, distances, newDistance);
      } else {
        // When k is even, just move on to the next garage to form a pair
        printperms(garages, names, usedgarages, perm, final, k + 1, n, min, distances, currentDistance);
      }

      // Unset the garage (backtrack)
      usedgarages[i] = 0;
    }
  }
}

int main() {
  int n = 0;

  // Getting the amount of expressways/garages
  scanf("%d", &n);

  int **garageLocations = calloc(2 * n, sizeof(int *));
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// Allocating space for all the garage names.
char **garageNames = calloc(2 * n, sizeof(char *));

for (int i = 0; i < 2 * n; i++) {
  // Allocating space for every garage
  garageLocations[i] = calloc(2, sizeof(int));
  // 20 being the max length of a garage name
  garageNames[i] = calloc(20, sizeof(char));

  // Getting the data from the input and putting it into the allocated space
  scanf("%d %d %s", &garageLocations[i][0], &garageLocations[i][1],
        garageNames[i]);
}

// Precompute all distances between garages
double **distances = calloc(2 * n, sizeof(double *));
for (int i = 0; i < 2 * n; i++) {
  distances[i] = calloc(2 * n, sizeof(double));
  for (int j = 0; j < 2 * n; j++) {
    distances[i][j] = distance(garageLocations[i][0], garageLocations[i][1],
                               garageLocations[j][0], garageLocations[j][1]);
  }
}

// More variable declarations
double min = DBL_MAX;  // Use DBL_MAX for the initial minimum distance
int *used = calloc(2 * n, sizeof(int));
int *perm = calloc(2 * n, sizeof(int));
int final[n * 2][2];
```

```
  // Start recursion
  printperms(garageLocations, garageNames, used, perm, final, 0, 2 * n, &min, distances, 0.0);

  // Printing the shortest distance
  printf("%.3lf\n", min);
  // Printing the permutation that generated that distance.
  for (int i = 0; i < n; i++) {
    int g1 = final[i][0], g2 = final[i][1];
    printf("(%s, %s, %.3lf)\n", garageNames[g1], garageNames[g2],
           distances[g1][g2]);
  }

  // Freeing all the dynamically allocated memory
  for (int i = 2 * n - 1; i > -1; i--) {
    free(garageLocations[i]);
    free(garageNames[i]);
    free(distances[i]);
  }
  free(used);
  free(perm);
  free(garageNames);
  free(garageLocations);
  free(distances);

  // End of program
  return 0;
}
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    // End of program
    return 0;
}
```

Key Fixes:

1. **Pruning Logic**:
   - The pruning only occurs if we have a valid partial distance, i.e., after a pair is formed (`k % 2 == 1`).
   - `currentDistance` is only updated when a full pair is formed and added to the current path.
2. **Correct Pair Handling**:
   - When we reach the base case (`k == n`), we check whether the total `currentDistance` is less than the minimum and update the minimum distance and final pairing accordingly.
3. **Backtracking Correctly**:
   - After exploring each recursive path, we unset the garage by marking it unused (`usedgarages[i] = 0`), ensuring proper backtracking.

Expected Behavior:

This version should now:

- Correctly compute and print the shortest total distance.
- Output the optimal pairings that result in this minimum distance.
- Perform better for larger values of `n` due to the pruning mechanism.

Please test this on your input cases and verify the correctness of the results.

The program is not optimized enough for n = 8. Can you fix that? Perhaps by trying bitwise operations?

For larger values of n, like $n = 8$, the factorial growth of the number of permutations (i.e., $(2n)!$) becomes overwhelming. To achieve a better optimization, especially for $n \geq 8$, we can try using **dynamic programming (DP) with bitmasking**, which is an efficient approach often used to solve permutation problems.

Key Idea:

- **Bitmasking** allows us to keep track of the state (which garages have been paired up) using a single integer, where each bit represents whether a particular garage has been used or not.
- **Dynamic programming** allows us to avoid recalculating results for previously computed states, by caching partial results.

This way, we can cut down the number of states that need to be explored by reusing previously computed results.

Steps to Implement Bitmasking and DP:

1. **State Representation**: Use a bitmask of size $2n$ to represent the garages. Each bit of the mask is 1 if the corresponding garage has already been paired, and 0 otherwise.
2. **Dynamic Programming**: We will recursively compute the optimal distance for each possible set of paired garages and store the result in a DP table indexed by the bitmask.
3. **Pruning (Base Case):** If all garages are paired (i.e., all bits are set to 1), return the total distance. Otherwise, try all unpaired garages.

Updated Solution:

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Code being:

```
#include <math.h>

#include <stdio.h>

#include <stdlib.h>

#include <float.h>


#define MAXN 16  // Maximum number of garages (n <= 8, so 2*n <= 16)
```

```
double distance(int x1, int y1, int x2, int y2) {
  return sqrt((x1 - x2) * (x1 - x2) + (y1 - y2) * (y1 - y2));
}

double solve(int mask, int **garages, double **distances, double *dp, int n) {
  if (mask == (1 << (2 * n)) - 1) {
    // Base case: if all garages have been paired, return 0 distance.
    return 0;
  }

  // If this state has been computed before, return the cached result.
  if (dp[mask] > -0.5) {
    return dp[mask];
  }

  double best = DBL_MAX;

  // Find the first unpaired garage.
  int firstUnpaired = -1;
  for (int i = 0; i < 2 * n; i++) {
    if (!(mask & (1 << i))) {
      firstUnpaired = i;
      break;
    }
  }

  // Try pairing the first unpaired garage with every other unpaired garage.
  for (int j = firstUnpaired + 1; j < 2 * n; j++) {
    if (!(mask & (1 << j))) {
      // Form a pair (firstUnpaired, j), and compute the new mask.
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      int newMask = mask | (1 << firstUnpaired) | (1 << j);

      // Calculate the total distance for this pair + recursively solve for the rest.
      double currentDistance = distances[firstUnpaired][j] + solve(newMask, garages, distances, dp, n);

      // Keep track of the minimum distance found.
      if (currentDistance < best) {
        best = currentDistance;
      }
    }
  }

  // Store the result in the DP array and return.
  dp[mask] = best;
  return best;
}

int main() {
  int n;
  scanf("%d", &n);

  int **garageLocations = calloc(2 * n, sizeof(int *));
  char **garageNames = calloc(2 * n, sizeof(char *));

  for (int i = 0; i < 2 * n; i++) {
    garageLocations[i] = calloc(2, sizeof(int));
    garageNames[i] = calloc(20, sizeof(char));
    scanf("%d %d %s", &garageLocations[i][0], &garageLocations[i][1], garageNames[i]);
  }
```

```
  // Precompute all pairwise distances.
  double **distances = calloc(2 * n, sizeof(double *));
  for (int i = 0; i < 2 * n; i++) {
    distances[i] = calloc(2 * n, sizeof(double));
    for (int j = 0; j < 2 * n; j++) {
      distances[i][j] = distance(garageLocations[i][0], garageLocations[i][1], garageLocations[j][0],
garageLocations[j][1]);
    }
  }

  // Initialize DP array with -1 to indicate that no state has been solved yet.
  double *dp = calloc(1 << (2 * n), sizeof(double));
  for (int i = 0; i < (1 << (2 * n)); i++) {
    dp[i] = -1.0;
  }

  // Solve for the minimum distance starting with an empty mask.
  double minDistance = solve(0, garageLocations, distances, dp, n);

  // Print the shortest distance.
  printf("%.3lf\n", minDistance);

  // Freeing allocated memory.
  for (int i = 0; i < 2 * n; i++) {
    free(garageLocations[i]);
    free(garageNames[i]);
    free(distances[i]);
  }
  free(garageLocations);
  free(garageNames);
```

```
  free(distances);
  free(dp);

  return 0;
}
```

Key Points:

1. **Bitmasking**:
   - We represent the current state of paired garages using a bitmask. If the bit corresponding to a garage is 1, it means that garage has been paired; otherwise, it hasn't.
   - There are $2n$ garages, so we use a bitmask of size $2n$ (i.e., 2^n states) to keep track of the pairing status.
2. **Dynamic Programming (Memoization)**:
   - The DP table (`dp`) stores the minimum distance for each bitmask state. We avoid recalculating the same state multiple times, drastically reducing the number of recursive calls.
3. **Efficiency**:
   - Instead of generating all $(2n)!$ permutations, this algorithm considers $O(2^n \times n^2)$ states, which is much faster and scales better for $n = 8$.

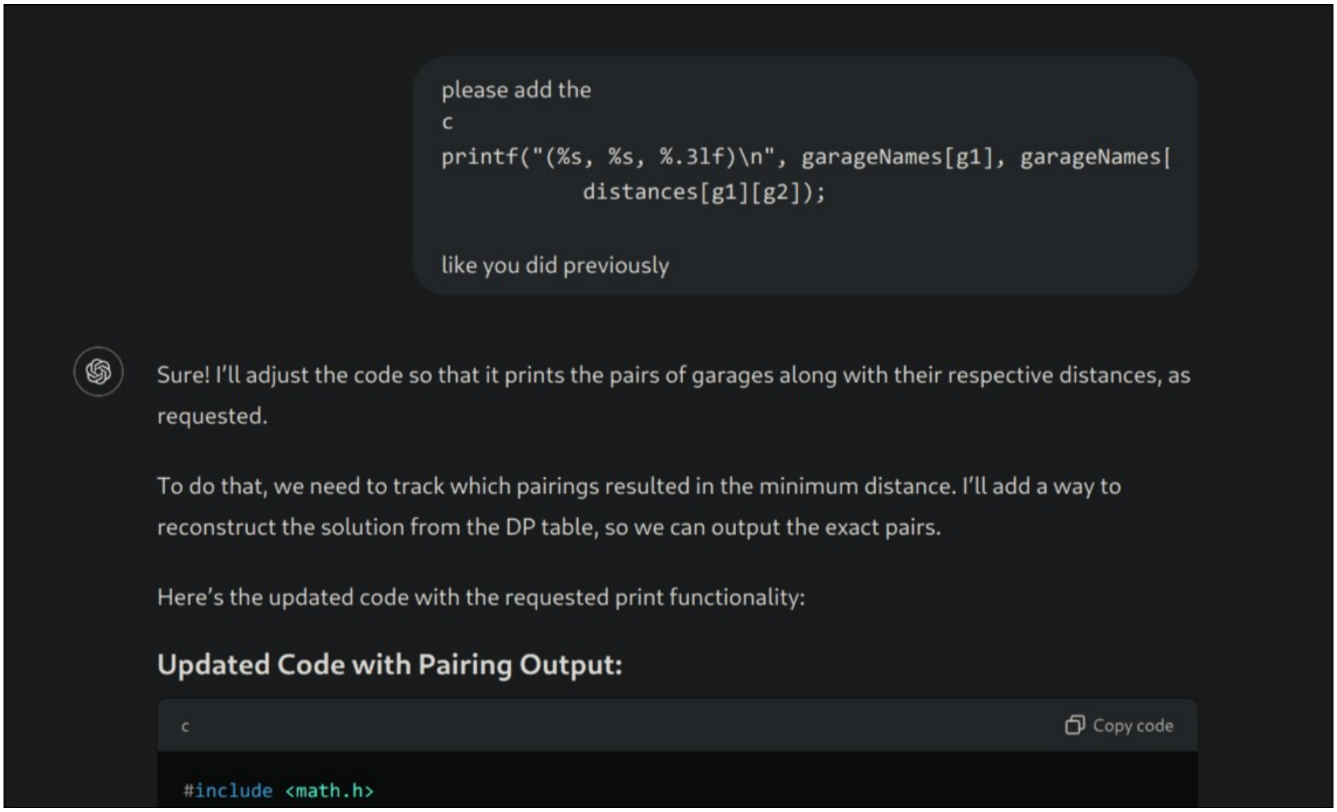
Complexity:

- Time Complexity: $O(2^n \times n^2)$, where 2^n is the number of bitmask states and n^2 accounts for the pairwise distance calculations.
- Space Complexity: $O(2^n)$ for the DP table and $O(n^2)$ for the distances array.

Performance:

This solution is much more efficient for $n = 8$ compared to the brute-force recursive approach. It reduces the problem size using dynamic programming and bitmasking while maintaining accuracy.

Try running this on your test cases, and it should now handle $n = 8$ efficiently!



Code being:

```
#include <math.h>

#include <stdio.h>

#include <stdlib.h>

#include <float.h>


#define MAXN 16  // Maximum number of garages (n <= 8, so 2*n <= 16)


double distance(int x1, int y1, int x2, int y2) {

  return sqrt((x1 - x2) * (x1 - x2) + (y1 - y2) * (y1 - y2));

}


// Solve using DP with bitmasking and store the pairing in 'pairings'

double solve(int mask, int **garages, double **distances, double *dp, int n, int *pairings) {

  if (mask == (1 << (2 * n)) - 1) {
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    return 0;  // All garages paired
  }

  if (dp[mask] > -0.5) {
    return dp[mask];  // Return cached result
  }

  double best = DBL_MAX;
  int bestPairA = -1, bestPairB = -1;

  // Find the first unpaired garage
  int firstUnpaired = -1;
  for (int i = 0; i < 2 * n; i++) {
    if (!(mask & (1 << i))) {
      firstUnpaired = i;
      break;
    }
  }

  // Try pairing the first unpaired garage with every other unpaired garage
  for (int j = firstUnpaired + 1; j < 2 * n; j++) {
    if (!(mask & (1 << j))) {
      // Form a pair (firstUnpaired, j), and compute the new mask
      int newMask = mask | (1 << firstUnpaired) | (1 << j);

      // Calculate total distance for this pair + recursively solve for the rest
      double currentDistance = distances[firstUnpaired][j] + solve(newMask, garages, distances, dp, n,
pairings);

      // Keep track of the minimum distance found and store the best pair
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      if (currentDistance < best) {
        best = currentDistance;
        bestPairA = firstUnpaired;
        bestPairB = j;
      }
    }
  }

  // Store the best pair in the pairings array
  pairings[mask] = (bestPairA << 8) | bestPairB;

  // Cache and return the best distance
  dp[mask] = best;
  return best;
}

// Function to reconstruct and print the pairs based on the 'pairings' array
void printSolution(int mask, int *pairings, int n, char **garageNames, double **distances, int
**garages) {
  if (mask == (1 << (2 * n)) - 1) {
    return;  // All garages paired
  }

  int pair = pairings[mask];
  int g1 = (pair >> 8) & 0xFF;
  int g2 = pair & 0xFF;

  // Print the pair and the distance between them
  printf("(%s, %s, %.3lf)\n", garageNames[g1], garageNames[g2], distances[g1][g2]);
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  // Form the new mask by marking g1 and g2 as paired and continue
  int newMask = mask | (1 << g1) | (1 << g2);
  printSolution(newMask, pairings, n, garageNames, distances, garages);
}

int main() {
  int n;
  scanf("%d", &n);

  int **garageLocations = calloc(2 * n, sizeof(int *));
  char **garageNames = calloc(2 * n, sizeof(char *));

  for (int i = 0; i < 2 * n; i++) {
    garageLocations[i] = calloc(2, sizeof(int));
    garageNames[i] = calloc(20, sizeof(char));
    scanf("%d %d %s", &garageLocations[i][0], &garageLocations[i][1], garageNames[i]);
  }

  // Precompute all pairwise distances
  double **distances = calloc(2 * n, sizeof(double *));
  for (int i = 0; i < 2 * n; i++) {
    distances[i] = calloc(2 * n, sizeof(double));
    for (int j = 0; j < 2 * n; j++) {
      distances[i][j] = distance(garageLocations[i][0], garageLocations[i][1], garageLocations[j][0],
garageLocations[j][1]);
    }
  }

  // Initialize DP array with -1 to indicate unsolved states
  double *dp = calloc(1 << (2 * n), sizeof(double));
```

```
  for (int i = 0; i < (1 << (2 * n)); i++) {
    dp[i] = -1.0;
  }

  // Array to store the best pairings
  int *pairings = calloc(1 << (2 * n), sizeof(int));

  // Solve for the minimum distance starting with an empty mask
  double minDistance = solve(0, garageLocations, distances, dp, n, pairings);

  // Print the shortest distance
  printf("%.3lf\n", minDistance);

  // Print the optimal pairings
  printSolution(0, pairings, n, garageNames, distances, garageLocations);

  // Freeing allocated memory
  for (int i = 0; i < 2 * n; i++) {
    free(garageLocations[i]);
    free(garageNames[i]);
    free(distances[i]);
  }
  free(garageLocations);
  free(garageNames);
  free(distances);
  free(dp);
  free(pairings);

  return 0;
}
```

Explanation of Changes:

1. **Pairings Array**:
   - We use the `pairings` array to store the best pair of garages for each bitmask state. This allows us to reconstruct the optimal solution after solving the DP problem.
   - Each pair of garages is stored as an integer, where the first 8 bits represent one garage, and the next 8 bits represent the other garage.
2. **Reconstructing the Solution**:
   - Once we have computed the minimum distance, we use the `printSolution` function to walk through the `pairings` array, reconstructing the sequence of garage pairs.
   - Each pair is printed alongside the distance between the garages.
3. **Printing**:
   - For each optimal pairing found, we print the names of the garages and the distance between them, as requested.

Example Output:

For an input where there are $n = 4$ pairs of garages, the output will look something like this:

scss

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```scss
123.456
(Garage1, Garage2, 12.345)
(Garage3, Garage4, 23.456)
(Garage5, Garage6, 34.567)
(Garage7, Garage8, 45.678)
```

Performance:

- This approach with **bitmasking** and **dynamic programming** efficiently handles up to $n = 8$, avoiding the factorial complexity of the brute-force solution while still allowing for reconstruction of the optimal pairing.

Let me know if you need any further adjustments!

Chatgpt helped optimize my code via the use of bit masking, of which is just manipulating the values via bitwise operations, of which are closer to what a compiler would be doing, therefore making it more efficient. Alongside this, it utilizes dynamic programming which is just modularizing the problem, and then precalculating certain aspects of the math (such as all possible distances between garages).